

CLASSIFICATION

COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Schkeuditz Airfield		
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EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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DATE OF CONTENT		25X1	
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	22 May 1953
REFERENCES			
PAGES	1	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	1 - sketch on ditto
REMARKS			

1. On 2 April 1953, the 2-meter high wall along the southern edge of Schkeuditz airfield was completed in a length of about 270 meters. The main building was plastered over and the porter's lodge was renovated. Work was still in progress on the heating plant. Four wooden watchtowers, about 10 meters high, had been erected 30 to 40 meters from the main building. Each of them had a searchlight, 45 cm in diameter, on top. The road on the left side of the porter's lodge was blocked by a wall which began at this building, led around the southwestern corner of the building and extended to the north as far as the main building. A wire fence surrounded the main building to the west, north and east at a distance of 40 meters.¹ On 17 April, about 30 civilian workers were counted at the field. A roller was in operation in the western section of the landing field and another roller moved to the field. On 24 April, a truck with office equipment was observed at the entrance of the field. No VP personnel were seen.

2. On 15 April, the road to the field was blocked by a barrier which was guarded by VP. Two VP men, armed with pistols, were posted at the guardhouse. The wall along the southern edge of the field, which was meanwhile completed included the road located there into the field area. Four watchtowers with mounted searchlights were observed near the airport terminal on which work was apparently completed.²

1. Comment. For location and layout sketches of the airfield, see Annex.
2. Comment. It is believed that the field is intended to be re-occupied. It appears possible that the airfield will be used for industrial purposes.

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Layout Sketch of Schkeuditz Airfield

wire fence

⊗ watchtower

main building

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wall

wall

field path

to Siebel
Plant

Location Sketch

athletic field

Siebel Plant

destroyed
building

main
building

heating
plant

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